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In re Application of: Levy et al.

Serial No. 09/957,450

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ON A SPECIMEN

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows: TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-1792, 1873-1948, 1950-2040, 2042-2056, 2058-2092, and 2094-6632 without prejudice.

CONCLUSION

In the present Amendment, Applicants present pending claims 1793-1872, 1949, 2041, 2057, and 2093 for consideration by the Examiner. If the Examiner has any questions, comments, or suggestions, the undersigned earnestly requests a telephone conference.

No fees are required for filing this amendment; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Conley, Rose & Tayon, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5589-02306.

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